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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 24 and 26 May 1993, there appear to have been seven flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Itinerary of these flights is attached to this note verbale.

ANNEX I

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(24 - 26 May 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
551	24 May	N/A	N/A	UNPROFOR authorized a CASEVAC helicopter to fly from Knin to Banja Luka with casualties bound for Banja Luka Military Hospital. The flight was requested by the local Bosnian-Serb authorities through the UNMO Knin representative. The aircraft departed Knin with 17 patients, 4 medical escorts and 4 aircrew. The aircraft returned from Banja Luka to Knin where UN Military Observers witnessed 15 passengers deplane, of whom 9 were not wounded. This helicopter was flying in an area controlled by Bosnian-Serbs.	N/A
552	24 May	N/A	N/A	UNPROFOR authorized a CASEVAC flight on 24 May from Tuzla to Zenica and return. Subsequent discussions with Tuzla based UNMOs revealed the previously cleared helicopter was instead used to transport supplies to Zivinice. This flight was operating in an area controlled by Bosnian Muslims.	N/A
553	25 May	08.25	09.30	A flight of NATO fighter aircraft reported a radar contact Northwest of the town of Brcko in northern Bosnia and Herzegovina. The flight of fighter aircraft was directed to investigate and subsequently made visual contact with a helicopter. The helicopter landed Northwest of Brcko then took off and flew to a position Northeast of the town of Modgorica. This contact was detected in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	West Unknown Low
554	25 May	14.14	14.45	AWACS reported a radar contact Southwest of Tuzla. NATO aircraft were directed to investigate and subsequently made visual contact with a helicopter. The NATO fighters reported that the aircraft appeared to be lifting an unidentified object. Subsequent information from Tuzla based UNMOs revealed that the helicopter was undergoing a flight test near Zivinice. This contact was detected in an area controlled by Bosnian Muslims.	N/A
555	25 May	N/A	N/A	UNPROFOR authorized a CASEVAC flight on 25 May 1993, flying in principle, from Knin to Banja Luka, with a return to Knin. The flight was requested by Krajina-Serb authorities through the UNMO representative at Knin. Discussions with the UNMO at Knin revealed that the helicopter did not return to the city, as planned, but did take-off from Banja Luka. This flight was operating in an area controlled by Bosnian-Serbs.	N/A

556	26 May	08.30	08.45	A flight of NATO fighter aircraft reported a radar contact Southeast of the town of Kusace, which is 30 nautical miles Northeast of Sarajevo. The flight was directed to investigate and subsequently made visual contact with a helicopter. The radar contact faded 2 nautical miles South of the town of Pomol, which is 37 nautical miles Northeast of Sarajevo. The helicopter was detected in an area controlled by Bosnian-Serbs.	Manoeuvring Low Slow
557	26 May	18.07	18.14	AWACS reported a radar contact 2 nautical miles North of the town of Zenica. A flight of NATO fighters was directed to investigate and subsequently made visual contact with a helicopter. The helicopter landed 3 nautical miles Southwest of the town of Zenica. This helicopter was detected in an area controlled by Bosnian-Muslims.	Manoeuvring Low Slow